



# Saracen

ASX Release

## Ore Purchase/Processing Agreement

Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX: SAR) and Carrick Gold Limited (ASX: CRK) (ASX: SAR) have agreed the terms of an Ore Purchase/Processing agreement.

Under the two-year agreement, Saracen has undertaken to process the ore at the Carosue Dam processing plant. The plant is located 74km by existing roads from Carrick's Kurnalpi project and 72km from Carrick's Lindsay's project via Saracen's private access road.

Saracen is entering into this agreement because the ore will provide flexibility through blending optimisation, especially with respect to any soft oxide material. In general Saracen maintains optimum processing performance at the plant through the addition of a small proportion (generally 5% or more) of oxide material and in this regard the Carrick arrangement will be of benefit to Saracen.

Saracen will pay Carrick the recoverable metal less an agreed amount. The amount will vary, depending on the nature and material-type of the ore. The terms provide protection for Saracen should the ore not conform with agreed specifications. Carrick will be responsible for mining and haulage of ore, including construction of any haul roads. The Agreement provides for payment to Carrick after delivery of ore to the mill, subject to agreed sampling and assay procedures.

The amounts of ore will constitute a very small proportion of Saracen's present 200,000 to 225,000 tonnes of feed, and an even smaller amount in the context of Saracen's presently contemplated plant expansion.

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### About Saracen

Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited (ASX:SAR) owns 100% of the Carosue Dam operations, 120 km NE east of Kalgoorlie, in the South Laverton region of WA, home to other companies' gold mines and deposits including Sunrise Dam, Granny Smith, and Wallaby.

In FY2012 the Carosue Dam 2.4 million tonne per annum processing plant produced 116,122 oz, and Saracen maintains substantial exploration and predevelopment programmes on its extensive pipeline of projects in this region. The Company has targeted an increase in production principally through organic growth in its open cut and underground mining operations, and is presently contemplating an open pit and plant expansion, based on open pit resources.